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THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE AND THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF DETAINEES: QUESTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND STATES OF EMERGENCY

Seventh annual report and list of States which, since 1 January 1985, have proclaimed, extended or terminated a state of emergency, submitted by Mr. Leandro Despouy, Special Rapporteur appointed pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1985/37

Addendum

1. Having taken note of the seventh annual report and list of States which, since 1 January 1985, have proclaimed, extended or terminated a state of emergency, presented by the Special Rapporteur on the question of human rights and states of emergency (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1994/23 and Corr.1), the Sub-Commission, in its resolution 1994/36 of 26 August 1994, inter alia, requested the Special Rapporteur to submit to the Commission on Human Rights at its fifty-first session an updated list, so that the Commission would have the latest and most comprehensive information possible on the past 10 years.

2. The present document, which is issued as an addendum to the seventh annual report of the Special Rapporteur, has been prepared in pursuance of that resolution for submission, together with the seventh report, to the Commission at its fifty-first session.

3. In preparing this document, use was made by the Special Rapporteur of new information received from Governments, communicated by various international organizations and published in the press since June 1994, when his seventh report was issued.

4. According to this additional information, in the following countries measures have been taken which constituted the proclamation, introduction, extension, maintenance or termination of emergency regimes in various forms:

Azerbaijan:* On 4 October 1994, a state of emergency was introduced in the city of Baku for a period of 60 days.

Sources: Notification of the Government to the Secretary-General of the United Nations dated 5 October 1994.

On 12 October 1994, a state of emergency was introduced in the town of Guiyandja.

Sources: Information published in the press.

Myanmar: In a letter dated 4 August 1994, the Government stated that "the state of emergency is no longer ... in force in Myanmar since 24 August 1988". It further indicated that "the State and Law Order Restoration Council Order No. 12/92 issued on 26 September 1992 revoked the executive and judicial powers conferred upon the three Military Commanders and at the same time abolished all the Military Tribunals".

Russian Federation:* The state of emergency existing in several districts and areas of the Republic of North Ossetia and of the Ingush Republic was repeatedly extended on the latest occasion, from 3 October to 2 December 1994).

Sources: Letters from the Government dated 31 May, 20 June and 15 November 1994.

Martial law was introduced in the Chechen Republic on 12 October 1994.

Sources: Information published in the press.

South Africa: On 7 September 1994, the state of emergency introduced in Natal province on 31 March 1994 was lifted.

Sources: Letter from the Government dated 13 September 1994.

Sri Lanka:* On 4 September 1994, the state of emergency which was declared on 20 June 1989 was terminated except in the Northern and Eastern provinces and in certain other areas bordering those two provinces.

Sources: Notification of the Government to the Secretary-General of the United Nations dated 29 September 1994.

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* An asterisk accompanying the name of a country indicates that the state of emergency there is still in force.

Venezuela:* On 27 June 1994, certain constitutional guarantees were suspended in the whole territory of the country. The Government stated that this measure was motivated by the alarming financial and economic situation, which might endanger public security.

Sources: Notification of the Government to the Secretary-General of the United Nations dated 29 June 1994. In a letter dated 1 December 1994, addressed to the Government of Venezuela, the Special Rapporteur requested more detailed information regarding the emergency measures taken and their impact on human rights.

Annex

LIST OF SPECIALIZED PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

AFGHANISTAN - Incommunicado detention and "disappearances"
April 1994, AI INDEX: ASA 11/01/94

ALGERIA - Repression and violence must end
October 1994, AI INDEX: MDE 28/08/94

BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA - Abuses in Bosnian Serb-controlled areas
June 1994, AI INDEX: EUR 63/11/94

BURUNDI - Time for international action to end a cycle of mass murder
May 1994, AI INDEX: AFR 16/08/94

CHINA - Human rights violations five years after Tiananmen
June 1994, AI INDEX: ASA 17/20/94

EGYPT - Human rights defenders under threat
September 1994, AI INDEX: MDE 12/15/94

INDIA - The Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act: the lack of "scrupulous care"
November 1994, AI INDEX: ASA 20/39/94

MALI - Ethnic conflict and killings of civilians
September 1994, AI INDEX: AFR 37/08/94

MOZAMBIQUE - Monitoring human rights - the task of UN police observers
June 1994, AI INDEX: AFR 41/03/94

NIGERIA - Military government clampdown on opposition
November 1994, AI INDEX: AFR 44/13/94

RWANDA - Mass murder by government supporters and troops in April and May 1994
May 1994, AI INDEX: AFR 47/11/94

SIERRA LEONE - Arrests of former government ministers
May 1994, AI INDEX: AFR 51/02/94

SOUTH AFRICA - Hostages to a right-wing agenda - Human rights violations against Bophuthatswana residents
March 1994, AI INDEX: AFR 53/10/94

SOUTH AFRICA - Securing the peace. Issues of justice and accountability in the wake of the Bophuthatswana uprising
March 1994, AI INDEX: AFR 53/20/94

SRI LANKA - New emergency regulations
January 1994, AI INDEX: ASA 37/04/94

SRI LANKA - Balancing human rights and security: abuse of arrest and detention powers in Colombo
February 1994, AI INDEX: ASA 37/10/94

TOGO - A new era for human rights?
September 1994, AI INDEX: AFR 57/02/94

TURKEY - More people "disappear" following detention
March 1994, AI INDEX: EUR 44/15/94

TURKEY - Selective protection: discriminatory treatment of non-European refugees and asylum-seekers
March 1994, AI INDEX: EUR 44/16/94

TURKEY - Dissident voices jailed again
June 1994, AI INDEX: EUR 44/45/94

TURKEY - Human rights defenders at risk
September 1994, AI INDEX: EUR 44/88/94

UGANDA - Recommendations for safeguarding human rights in the new constitution
August 1994, AI INDEX: AFR 59/03/94

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA/HAITI - The price of rejection - Human rights consequences for rejected Haitian asylum-seekers
May 1994, AI INDEX: AMR 51/31/94

YEMEN - Human rights concerns following recent armed conflict
September 1994, AI INDEX: MDE 31/06/94

ZAIRE - Appeal by Amnesty International to the new Prime Minister
September 1994, AI INDEX: AFR 62/03/94

THE 81ST INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONFERENCE: Amnesty International's concerns relevant to the Committee on Application of Standards
April 1994, AI INDEX: IOR 42/01/94

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